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## THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Merz et al.

Attorney Docket No.: APL1P202/P2625

Application No.: 09/842,408

Examiner: Lea Edmonds, Lisa S

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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	26	MINUS	59	0	x 9 =	x 18 =
Independent Claims	2	MINUS	4	0	x 42 =	x 84 =
Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid					\$140.00	\$280.00
				Total	\$0	\$0

Applicant(s) hereby petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension(s) of time to respond to the aforementioned Office Action.

Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388.

Enclosed is our Check No. \_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ to cover the additional

claim fee and/or extension of time fees.

Please charge the required fees, or any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. APL1P202).

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action dated July 15, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.